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SUBJECT: PRESS ITEMS, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1975

FOR BARBIAN FROM S/PRS

1. (TUESDAY EVENING, DEC. 30)NBC NIGHTLY NEWS WITH JOHN  
CHANCELLOR IN NEW YORK AND DAVID BRINKLY IN WASHINGTON:

CHANCELLOR: IT IS USUALLY THOUGHT THAT VOTES IN THE UNITED  
NATIONS' GENERAL ASSEMBLY DON'T COUNT IN THE REAL WORLD,  
SINCE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY BEARS LITTLE RELATION TO THE  
WORK OF THE GOVERNMENTS REPRESENTED IN THAT BODY. BUT  
DAVID BRINKLEY'S JOURNAL TONIGHT DEALS WITH A CASE WHERE A  
COUNTRY'S VOTE HAD A VERY DEFINITE IMPACT BACK HOME.

BRINKLEY: AN INTERNATIONAL SAGA OF AMBITION AND BROKEN  
DREAMS. PRESIDENT-ECHEVERRIA OF MEXICO HAS VISITED ABOUT  
30-COUNTRIES IN AFRICA AND ASIA AND THE MIDDLE EAST,  
INCLUDING SOME WHERE MEXICO WAS NEVER KNOWN TO HAVE ANY  
SPECIAL INTEREST.

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THEN IT WAS EXPLAINED HE HOPES TO BE THE NEXT SECRETARY

GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS, AND SINCE THE AFRO-ASIAN COUNTRIES NOW HAVE A MAJORITY IN THE UN, ALL THESE

SEEMINGLY POINTLESS TRIPS COULD BE PUT DOWN TO POLITICS. A LITTLE HAND-SHAKING AND GIFT-GIVING AND RIDING IN MOTOR-CADES WITH AFRO-ASIAN LEADERS, IN THE HOPE THAT WHEN THE NEW SECRETARY GENERAL IS ELECTED, THEY WILL REMEMBER THAT NICE, FRIENDLY MEXICAN.

ALL RIGHT. THEN THE UN VOTED A RESOLUTION SAYING ZIONISM WAS RACISM. ALMOST THE ENTIRE WESTERN WORLD VOTED AGAINST IT. BUT NOT MEXICO. IT VOTED WITH ECHEVERRIA'S AFRO-ASIAN FRIENDS. THOSE WHO WISH TO BE CRITICAL MAY SAY IT WAS DONE TO FURTHER HIS AMBITION. ANYWAY, IT ALL BLEW UP IN HIS FACE. A COUNTRY HEAVILY DEPENDENT ON TOURISM SUDDENLY FOUND AMERICAN JEWS CANCELLING VACATIONS TO MEXICO. MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN BUSINESS FOR HOTELS, RESTAURANTS, TAXIS, GIFT SHOPS -- ALL GONE. NO-BODY THERE SEEMS TO HAVE ANTICIPATED IT. MEXICO'S FOREIGN MINISTER, SEEING THIS, WAS SENT HASTILY TO JERUSALEM, WHERE HE TRIED TO EXPLAIN IT, AND SAY THEY REALLY MEANT NO HARM. THE WHOLE TRIP WAS SLIGHTLY RIDICULOUS. THE JEWISH BOYCOTT CONTINUED.

YESTERDAY, THE FOREIGN MINISTER HAD TO TAKE THE RAP FOR ALL THIS, AND RESIGN. ECHEVERRIA IS STILL PRESIDENT, AND STILL AMBITIOUS FOR THE UN JOB, BUT A LOT OF HOTEL ROOMS AND RESTAURANTS ARE STILL EMPTY, THEIR OWNERS FURIOUS, AND THE AFRO-ASIANS ARE NOT RUSHING TO MEXICO TO FILL THEM UP.

2. (WEDNESDAY MORNING, DEC. 31) CBS RADIO - DALLAS TOWNSEND, WORLD NEWS ROUNDUP, NEW YORK: OVER THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS, TERRORISM HAS BEEN UNIVERSALLY CONDEMNED, BUT THERE'S BEEN NO INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT ON WHAT TO DO ABOUT IT. CBS UN CORRESPONDENT RICHARD C. HOTTELET POINTS OUT THAT THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE PAST FOUR YEARS HAS BEEN DEADLOCKED ON THE ISSUE.

HOTTELET: THE REASON, VERY SIMPLY, IS THAT ONE MAN'S UNCLASSIFIED

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TERRORIST MAY BE ANOTHER MAN'S FREEDOM FIGHTER. SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM ACTED ON HIS OWN AFTER THE MASSACRE AT THE OLYMPIC GAMES IN MUNICH TO PUT THE ISSUE OF TERRORISM ON THE ASSEMBLY'S AGENDA. THE UNITED STATES THEN PROPOSED A TREATY AGAINST INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM, REQUIRING THE PROSECUTION OR EXTRADITION OF PERSONS WHO KILL, SERIOUSLY INJURE OR KIDNAP INNOCENT CIVILIANS IN A FOREIGN STATE NOT PARTY TO THE CAUSE OF THE VIOLENCE. BUT

EVEN THIS CAREFULLY MEASURED PROPOSAL, AIMED AT ONE CLEAR  
CATEGORY OF TERRORIST, WAS DROWNED IN DEBATE WHICH STILL  
DRIFTS ON OVER WHETHER TERRORISM MUST FIRST BE DEFINED,

AND ITS CAUSES DEALT WITH.

LAST WEEK, AFTER THE BLOODY ATTACK ON OPEC HEADQUARTERS  
IN VIENNA, AND THE MASS KIDNAPPING OF THE OPEC OIL  
MINITERS, VENEZUELA SUGGESTED A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE

GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO COMBAT TERRORISM. BUT IT HAS SO FAR  
NOT ACTED TO START THE PROCESS OF SUMMONING SUCH A  
SESSION, AND THERE IS NO SIGN THAT IT WILL. END TEXT

HAPPY NEW YEAR

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